MESSRS. S. THIMME GOWDA AND K. LINGE GOWDA (Krishnarajapete Taluk).—

Q.—**11.** Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) How many cases of village extensions have been dealt with in the State since 1915?

(2) What is the amount deposited every year for this purpose by the raiyats?

(3) How many cases have been disposed of by grant of facilities to the villagers?

(4) How many are pending and what is the reason for the delay?

(5) Are the Government aware that the raiyats are incurring much loss owing to the increase in the prices of lands?

(6) Who are responsible for the delay?

(7) Whether it is proposed to take action to avoid the delay?

SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL.—

A.—The statistics required by the members are not readily available and cannot be easily collected. As regards the delay and other inconveniences mentioned, it may be pointed out that the procedure regarding acquisitions has been systematised in Government Order No. R. 632-92—L. R. 56-22-1, dated the 25th July 1922. The land to be acquired and the funds required to pay for it have first to be decided by the Village Panchayet or the Taluk Board as the case may be and thereafter by the District Board who have to send up proposals to the Deputy Commissioner. They will have then to come up to Government who scrutinise and notify the same. Government are aware that considerable time often elapses before proceedings are completed, but the object of the present procedure is to safeguard the interests and the rights of private individuals, and instances of undue delay, if brought to notice, will be duly enquired into.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. Thimmegowda.—

With reference to answer to question 11, will Government state whether the statistics asked for will be obtained and furnished?

Dewan.—

It is not possible to do so either with the present establishment or with any special establishment however costly.

Mr. Mallaiya.—

Will the Government collect and furnish information as to the number of applications for village extensions received and disposed of since the year 1915?

Dewan.—

The matter is under investigation.

MR. G. DEVOJI RAO (Seringapatam Municipality), MESSRS. S. C. MALLIAH AND M. C. LINGEGOWDA (Mandya Taluk).—

Q.—12. Will the Government be pleased to give information on the following.—

(1) The total number of centres into which the scheme of Elementary education has been introduced ever since its inception?

(2) What is the total number of boys in the State who came under the operation of the Regulation during the years 1921-22, 1922-23 and 1923-24?

(3) What is the total number of boys of compulsory age actually receiving instruction?

(4) How many Attendance Officers have been nominated and how many elected by the several committees?

(5) How many non-official gentlemen have been nominated as Attendance Officers?

(6) What is the percentage of boys receiving instruction to the total number of boys of school-going age in Taluk Centres where the non-official gentlemen were Attendance Officers and what is the percentage in places where the Head Masters were the Attendance Officers during the preceding three years?

(7) How many prosecutions were instituted throughout the State during those three years?

(8) Is the Government aware that there is a lull in the activities of the Attendance Officers in compelling boys to attend schools and that the Regulation is not being worked satisfactorily?